

# Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society.

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### NEXT MEETING - THE ANNUAL FILM/VIDEO SHOW.

The club calendar gets off to an early start in 1990 with the first meeting on 2nd Jan. when we shall view some informative material from various sources.

Included in the programme will be the film made at the 1989 Field Day showing our efforts to achieve a better score.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm and we look forward to an interesting evening at The Marconi College, Arbour Lane, Chelmsford.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

- 2 Jan. CLUB MEETING - The Annual Film/Video Show.
- 28 Jan. DF EVENT - The Snowman (see DF News)
- 6 Feb. CLUB MEETING - Humorous Debate.

### SILENT KEYS.

The Society records with regret the death of one of our members. Gerry Parish, G4WML, who died on 6th December, the day after his 75th Birthday. We will miss his friendship and presence at our meetings.

On behalf of the Society a floral tribute was sent to the funeral and we were represented by a number of members.

The Society also records with regret the death of Ray Tunstill, G3OET on 5th December.

Although Ray had not attended meetings over the past few years he will be remembered for his contributions in the early days of the club.

### LAST MONTHS MEETING - Harry G2HPF.

The Annual Junk Sale at the December meeting brought an interesting collection of items under the hammer wielded by Brian, G0BDS. The main object of the sale is to raise funds for the club from items donated or sold on commission. With this in mind I opened the bidding on some items which I really had no use for, in particular a bulk lot of metal boxes. Offering them individually nobody would offer 10p! Various other metal boxes were sold and it was surprising how the bids rose when a virgin undrilled box was offered.

At the top of the range was a Trio receiver which fetched £24, followed by a Heathkit transceiver at £10; Denis, G4VGS has already obtained the cct diagram and service information for the latter.

Tom, G4INM donated a PSU and then promptly bought another one. I thought the devil you knew was better than the one you don't! Another PSU with a fault could not even get a minimum bid of 10p, where is your spirit of adventure?

A Leak tuner and amplifier each went for £3. Other interesting items were a vswr meter, wavemeter, m/c meters, transformers, pcb's, rectifiers, valves, cable, crystals etc.

Metalwork for a 4CX250 linear amplifier with valve, tempted nobody, maybe by next year some one will get the VHF bug.

Some thermal printing paper went to Tom, but there was no teleprinter paper this year; pity because my 1988 supply is nearly finished.

Anyone buying the 1.5A fuses can have the broken ones replaced free of charge, but not if you have blown them. Lots more fuses available at 10p per packet of 10 for club funds.

Our thanks to the Auctioneer and his helpers, and to those who contributed towards the final tally of £35 in the club funds.

### DF NEWS - THE COLCHESTER DF TROPHY - Dick G3WHR.

Chelmsford competitors made a spirited challenge for this Trophy but in vain, we have to be content with the runners-up award - nothing. Congratulations to Philip Cunningham who won by five minutes, however, the result had to wait for the final event.

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| 1 | Philip Cunningham | -14 points |
| 2 | Andy Collett      | -19 points |
| 3 | Dick Brocks       | -30 points |
| 4 | Ian Butson        | -33 points |

### DF NEWS - THE SNOWMAN.

Our 1990 season starts on Sunday the 28th January at 1.20 pm. The start location has still to be determined - contact me nearer the event.

The Snowman will be a 2 station event with Roy Emeny, G4JAC and Colin Baisden G0IKU volunteering for a cool afternoon in the bushes. Roy Emeny has also kindly invited us for tea afterwards - on the usual bring-a-bite basis.

### MEMBERS NEWS - E1a G6HKM.

The Society extends a welcome to K.Wood, G0JZG and D.Bradley a SWL.

May I remind you that subscriptions are now VERY OVERDUE, rates stay the same, i.e., £3.00, and £1.50 for Senior Citizens and Students. If you do not renew your subscription this will regrettably be your last newsletter. Subs may be sent to me at the address given below, cheques to be made payable to 'Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society' please.

#### CLUB CHRISTMAS SOCIAL - Ela G6HKM.

This event was held at the Telford Lodge Residence on the evening of 16th December. We had anxious moments on the days leading up to the event what with the flu epidemic and the hurricane force winds forecast for the weekend, would we all be able to make it? Unfortunately Harry, G5HF and his wife were flu victims and could not join us, we hope that they have both now fully recovered.

The evening went very well with 31 guests, who seemed to enjoy the superb buffet meal while having a good natter. Later on we had a raffle draw for three prizes; I think we shall have no trouble keeping Harry, G2HPF on the Committee, he won a bottle of Sherry, his second raffle prize since joining last October! Thank you all for coming along and making it a most enjoyable evening.

#### COMMITTEE MEETING.

The January Committee Meeting will be held in the Telford Lodge (Marconi College Residence) at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 10th January. You are most welcome to join us.

#### THE CLUB EQUIPMENT FUND.

The fund is making steady progress with the donations placed in the model transceiver collection box, this unit will be in a prominent position at all our meetings.

If any member has any good fund-raising ideas please contact any committee member with your suggestions.

Thank you for your support and here's looking forward to the purchase of the equipment.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor.

You were saying in the last newsletter that you had not had many letters to the Editor, so perhaps I might take up a little of the valuable space in the newsletter with the following.

I have been making slow morse practice broadcast transmissions for ten years, in that time I have had over 500 Class B licencees who have reported to me that they have passed the morse test by listening to my broadcasts. All my morse is hand sent. I sit at the key every Monday to Friday night pounding out morse at 15;12;8 and 5 wpm, on 145.250 at 8pm. I have made over 2000 slow morse broadcasts.

Now that Class B licencees have the facility to send morse, as well as listen, I have extended my session to listen to morse sent by those wishing to pass the test to give them sending practice. I have not had a single two way morse contact! Do you who are learning morse not want help? It is much better to send your morse to an experienced operator, than to another friend who is also just learning. Bad habits can so easily be formed, which cannot easily be corrected.

I wait on 145.250 for the flood of applications for 2-way cw!

73, Tom, G4INM.

*Well done Tom, keep up the good work. Ed.*

Dear Roy and Ela,

Thank you for sending me the December Newsletter and all the Newsletters before that issue. Time seems to be marching on fast and, now I am fully retired, it seems more and more unlikely that I shall be able to visit the club. So very reluctantly I think I must call it a day and end my membership.

I am a member of the Dover Club, being Chairman last year, so I am still an active 'HAM' so I hope to contact either of you on the air sometime and also other members of the club.

Thank-you for sending me all those Newsletters, I shall always remember, with great affection, the Chelmsford Club.

73 and 88, Max, G4ZMQ.

**A very happy New Year to you all.**

73 from Roy & Ela Martyr, G3PMX & G6HKM

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